

Ned accomplished all this as he helped raise a wonderful family; Owen, Meghan, Brendon and Jay; grandchildren, Rosa, Oona, Nora and Marlo. Ned and his wife, Ann Ellen Hornidge, continued to make a positive difference in Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Ned's contributions to enhancing the lives of our nation's most vulnerable citizens and thank him for his continued leadership on behalf of these individuals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical issue, I was unable to be in Washington, DC for votes on Monday, January 27, 2014. I support H.R. 2166, the Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act, and H.R. 3008, which authorizes the Forest Service to exchange a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY SNYDER

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today deeply saddened by the recent news of the passing of Kathy Snyder, a long-time teacher and coach at Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, New Jersey. Kathy devoted her entire professional life to the students of Southern Regional, and was beloved by everyone throughout the community.

Kathy, a breast cancer survivor, began teaching physical education at Southern Regional in 1977 and coached both the girl's varsity basketball and field hockey teams. Before she passed away, Kathy was in the midst of her 35th season coaching the girl's basketball team, and had hit the 500-win milestone in 2010. On the field hockey field, Snyder won more than 300 games and was named The Press Coach of the Year in 2011.

Kathy was a resilient, competitive coach who fought for women's equality in sports, and it was she who helped pave the way for the thousands of female athletes who competed in the Shore Conference. Kathy's colleagues, students and athletes loved and respected her as a coach, role model, and friend.

Mrs. Snyder was a legend at Southern Regional High School and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Kathy is survived by her husband Ken, three children—Brandon, Erin and Morgan, and granddaughter, Waverly. This is a devastating loss for the Southern Regional community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering the amazing life and legacy of Mrs. Kathy Snyder.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on January 28, 2014, I was incorrectly recorded as "not voting" on rollcall 30, final passage of H.R. 7—No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. I intended to vote "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 27, 2014, my flight was cancelled and I was absent for rollcall votes 24 and 25.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 24, on passage of H.R. 2166, I would have voted "yes" and had I been present for rollcall vote 25, on passage of H.R. 3008, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 13TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the importance of recognizing January as National Mentoring Month. Since 2002, National Mentoring Month has served as an opportunity for our country to reflect on the benefits of youth mentoring and to highlight the positive impact it has on the development of our youth.

The theme of this year's mentoring month is "Mentoring Works"! It allows us to proudly and openly discuss mentoring as a vital academic and social development strategy for our youth.

The fact is that in many regions mentoring helps young people achieve academic success; it also serves to help young people make responsible decisions for their futures.

According to a recent report released by MENTOR: the National Mentoring Partnership, some of the benefits of mentoring include:

The creation of higher educational goals. It is more likely for a youth with a mentor to attend college than for a youth without a mentor.

Participation in productive and beneficial activities. It is more likely for youth with mentors to engage in leadership positions, extra-curricular activities and sports, and community service than youth without mentors.

Another added benefit of mentoring is Upward Mobility. Integrated with other national initiatives, mentoring has the capacity to reduce poverty and increase the economic mobility of young people.

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Youth report that formal mentoring programs provide a variety of benefits, and most com-

monly offer that they receive advice about school, get help with school issues and/or schoolwork. They also make reference to receiving help to address life problems, assistance in getting a job, choosing a career and getting into college.

Youth in informal mentoring relationships commonly offer that their mentors provided developmental, more than academic, support.

Mentoring does not only provide immediate positive effects for young people in our community, but it also fosters growth and a continuation of this type of leadership.

Nearly nine in ten respondents who were mentored report they are interested in becoming mentors. In addition to confirming the value of mentoring, this desire to become a mentor also strengthens the earlier finding that mentoring is linked with higher rates of leadership and volunteering and offers a pool of future mentors to be activated.

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In Houston, the Boys and Girls Club is a wonderful medium for mentoring.

The club works on supporting youth to become life-long learners by emphasizing academic success and setting goals of higher education. By providing access to tools and technology, this organization also prepares our youth for the 21st century.

Career development through literacy and tutoring is stressed as well as cultural awareness, creativity, the arts, and photography to ensure well-rounded knowledge.

This broad reaching mentoring program has yielded incredible measurable results:

Club members graduate from high school at a rate of 87 percent compared to the national average of 66 percent.

They finish college at a rate of 25 percent, exceeding the national average of 16 percent.

And they show an overall improvement of 12 percent in their grades at school.

Although we know that mentoring provides all these great benefits, 1 in 3 young people in the United States are still without a mentor. Therefore, in acknowledgement of these benefits, and in an effort to raise awareness and participation, I would like to commend all of the mentoring organizations that exist nationwide and especially those within the 18th district of Texas.

Therefore, I join the National Mentoring Month initiative to encourage local mentoring programs and organizations to plan activities in our communities that increase mentoring efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 24 regarding the "Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act" (H.R. 2166). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."